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Re the Application of:

GRASS, et al.

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For: METHOD FOR SCREENING AND PRODUCING COMPOUND LIBRARIES

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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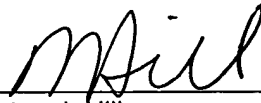
Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the information item(s) listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each item(s) is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the item(s) be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application, OR (c) accompanies a Request for Continued Examination. No certification or fee is required.
2. The Examiner's attention is directed to co-pending U.S. Patent Applications Nos. 09/320,544 filed May 26, 2001, 09/320,545, filed May 26, 1999; 09/320,371, filed May 26, 1999; 09/320,270 filed May 26, 1999; 09/320,372 filed May 26, 1999; and 09/320,069 filed May 26, 1999, which are directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of these U.S. Patent Applications are not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to those applications now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited applications and the art cited therein during examination of the present application.

3. In addition to the references already cited in this application, those cited in the applications identified above, and those cited in the associated PCT applications (international search reports, written opinions, and preliminary examination reports are included in this IDS), Applicants, due to the number of references cited, would like to point out that an article by one of the inventors, Grass, George, "Simulation models to predict oral drug absorption from in vitro data", Advanced Drug Delivery Reviews, (1997) Vol. 23, pp. 199-219, appears to be one of the more relevant references.

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